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369 The few old customs left in modern Estonia are better preserved in rural communities than in the westernized cities. The gatherings on festive or special occasions have long been celebrated more extensively in rural areas. Although these were for the most part family celebrations, many relatives, friends and neighbors participated, thus contributing to the feeling of closeness among the local people. Under the Communist regime most of these gatherings have been neglected, for hardly anyone can now afford them.

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●431 At the birth of a child, the womenfolk of the neighborhood visit the young mother with pres-

○○○ ents and food. Baptism is usually a big feast